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RE: Legal Notice on Reclamation Bond Increase for M & W Milling and Refining, Inc.

Dear Editor:

Please run the following Legal Notice in your next issue:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is conducting a five-year bond review for M & W Milling and Refining, Inc.'s (M & W) Mill. The mineral processing mill and refinery is currently permitted under Operating Permit 00152 from DEQ, which was issued in 1993. The five-year bond review procedures are set forth in Section 82-4-338, MCA, of the Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act.

The mill is on private land in Section 27 in Township 6 South, Range 3 West in Madison County. The mill is located in Prospect Gulch $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile southwest of Virginia City, MT. M & W has a 99-acre permit area of which 8 acres are permitted for disturbance. Current disturbance at the mill is 7 acres. DEQ currently holds a reclamation bond of \$35,500. DEQ has determined as part of the bond review process that an increase in the bond is required to guarantee reclamation of the current disturbance at the site. DEQ has calculated a proposed bond determination of \$132,958 to cover reclamation costs.

A copy of the bond calculations that form the basis for the proposed bond determination can be obtained by contacting the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Management Bureau, P. O. Box 200901, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by calling Patrick Plantenberg at (406) 444-4960 or e-mail at pplantenberg@mt.gov. Public comments should be submitted to the preceding address within 30 days of this publication. A final bond determination will be issued within 30 days of the close of the public comment period.

Please attach an affidavit of publication, with an original tear sheet for the run date, to your invoice and send them to:

Department of Environmental Quality
Environmental Management Bureau
1520 East 6th Avenue
PO Box 200901
Helena MT 59620-0901

Please charge to DEQ # 535315, and reference EMB- 5035171

Sincerely,

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Environmental Management Bureau

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